

THE FRESNO MORNING REPUBLICAN.

Additional Local on Pages 1 and 4.

United States Department of Agriculture.

Fresno, March 24.—Observations taken at 6 o'clock in the afternoon.

Barometer..... 30.2
 Thermometer..... 62
 Wind..... S.W.
 Humidity..... 65
 Rainfall..... 0.0
 Total Rainfall for 24 hours..... 0.0
 Total Rainfall for season..... 0.0

Weather Forecast.
 For Friday, March 25.—Official forecast for Friday, March 25, ending at 6 p.m., March 25.—Northern California: Cloudy, with rain or drizzle in northern portion; fresh southerly winds.
 Southern California.—Fair Wednesday; light westerly winds.

TEN DOLLARS REWARD.

The above reward will be paid for the arrest and conviction of parties caught stealing or defacing Bureau boxes which are placed in the care of the residence of office subscribers.

LOCAL BRIEVITIES.

Spare ribs at City Market.
 Madras rolls for sale at \$1.25.
 The "Crown" piano is on top.
 Harness repairing at Dorey & Parker's.
 Rig for four hours, \$1.50. Old Dexter.
 Tomato and cabbage plants. Black-

cash paid for eggs and poultry. Black-
 Go to Kulmer-Goldstein Company for your barbed wire.
 Fire and smoke sale, Poor Man's Friend, 1818 Mariposa street.

Poor Man's Friend will open Wednesday, March 24th, to dispose of their entire stock of goods.
 Damaged clothing, quilts, shirts, etc., for a mere trifle at Poor Man's Friend, 1818 Mariposa street.

The dedication of the new hall at Clovis will be celebrated next Saturday evening with a social dance.

Wanted—A few deposit accounts on the Fresno Loan and Savings Bank, Jacob Clark, 1088 J street.

For \$2.75 you can get both the Western Republican and the Interior (Fresno's illustrated magazine) for one year. Send order to Republican office.

Be sure and attend the sheet and pillow case ball given by the Women's Relief Corps at DeWitt Hall Thursday evening, March 25th. Gentlemen, 50c; ladies free.

Mrs. Berwill will not relinquish the North of the board house on North Street, as has been reported. She did leave it to a man from Oakland, but he has repudiated his agreement.

Miss Kagan will make her farewell appearance before a Fresno audience this evening, and the opportunity to hear the talented cantatrice should not be lost by any of our people.

The trial of the suit of Frank Gravelle, a minor, against Gustav J. Dias, and W. J. Dickey in intervention, was concluded in Judge Webb's court yesterday. The case was taken under advisement.

DR. SMITH'S CASE.

Complaint Filed Against Him by Dr. Hayden Yesterday.

Dr. T. M. Hayden yesterday filed a complaint with Justice A. Albrecht of Fresno charging Dr. W. D. Smith of that town with practicing medicine without a license. The case was called to the attention of the grand jury last December but that jury referred it to the district attorney, Hayden, who is delinquent until the grand jury is dissolved. Hayden's brother physician to prosecute and Hayden, who is delinquent in this county took the matter up, and filed the complaint yesterday.

Dr. Smith has been practicing at Fowler for several months, and is charged with treating people without obeying the requirements of law.

Superior Court Notes.

The following business was transacted in the superior court yesterday:

IN RE: JAMES H. HAYES, DECEASED. Estate of William Hayes, a minor; annual accounting settled and allowed.

Estate of Hase Nelson; annual account settled and allowed.

Southern Pacific Railroad Company vs. Summit Lake Water Company; motion of defendant for a new trial granted.

Frank Cavallini vs. Gustav J. Dias; trial concluded and cause submitted without argument; taken under advisement by the court.

Albino A. Davis; objection of J. H. Poxell to the final discharge of the prisoner heard and taken under advisement.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY TAKE Laxative Broomstick Tablets. Each box contains the money for the cure.

If Your Fountain Pen Does not suit you, take it to C. T. Riecke's and it is exchanged for a Waterman's Ideal.

A. J. Petersen, Piano Tuner, at Riecke's book and music store.

Builders' hardware, new designs and prices, Donahoe, E. & Co.

Gypsum for fertilizing at C. S. Piere's lumber yard.

Gentle granulation ware and shell ware (consulting now). Try it. To be found at Barrett-Hicks Co.'s.

Society and Business Stationery. First class at South & Fenton's.

Great reduction agents and tinware at Doughan, Egan & Co.'s.

Crescent Bicycle.

This handsome wheel (197 model) can be seen at A. U. Wernick's, 1915 M. Street.

See our blue flame oil stoves. Barrett-Hicks Co.

Refrigerators, freezers, coolers, crocks at Doughan, Egan & Co.'s.

Ranchers and Vineyardists.

Call at Paul Meyer's lodging house for sober and reliable hands. Telephone No. 332.

For first-class plumbing, tin or iron work go to F. A. Fain & Son, very reasonable charges. Fresno street.

Fertilize your vineyard and alfalfa with best quality of gypsum. For sale by Valley Lumber Co.

The "Crown" piano has won the championship of the world.

Thomas Webster, who was arrested Monday by Deputy Constable Dumas for disturbing the peace, was fined \$5 yesterday by Justice St. John.

There is money in Schilling's Best tea for you and for your grocer.

There's money-back for you too—yes, and your grocer doesn't lose anything either; we pay him.

A. Schilling & Company, San Francisco.

A CHARGED SPOT.

Was There an Attempt to Burn the High School?

THE TRUSTEES WERE ALARMED.

An Important Proposition to Annex the Free Kindergarten to the School System.

In Fresno's handsome and costly new high school building the object of a fire chief's designs?

This is the question which has been agitating the members of the City Board of Education for the past week. So fearful have they been of the destruction of the beautiful edifice that they employed ex-Deputy Sheriff Gail Thomas as a night watchman about the premises.

The cause of the alarm was a charged spot, about two inches in diameter, under a stairway leading from the basement in the southwest corner of the building to the first floor. It was discovered by J. H. Davidson, who immediately notified members of the board. They made an investigation and their suspicions were aroused to such an extent that they deemed it advisable to take action to prevent any possible attempt at incendiarism. They employed the best man they could find to keep a watch at night and to work on the case.

The matter has been kept very quiet in order that Detective Thomas might work more effectively. Only the school trustees and some of the teachers knew of the existence of the charged spot, and they kept the knowledge strictly to themselves. It leaked out last night, however, at the meeting of the board, when Trustee George H. Monroe moved to dispense with the charged spot.

The motion was carried unanimously.

During the week that Mr. Thomas has been on duty nothing has happened. No attempt to set fire to the building was made, and the board came to the conclusion that a watchman was no longer necessary.

How that charged spot came there is indeed something of a mystery, and indeed it is hardly probable that an attempt was made to fire the building, the circumstances was of such a nature as to warrant the board in making proper precautions. The charged spot is about a foot above the floor, and the wood is charred considerably, and the paint blistered around the edges.

Junior Harrison found no evidence of having been kindled on the floor, nor were there any other indications of an attempt at incendiarism. The board has been applied directly to the board.

The most plausible explanation of the charged spot seems to be that advanced by Trustee G. P. Cummings, who is a teacher at the high school. He thinks that some one has been tampering with the spot, and that the charged spot is a warning of a fire.

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